REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 21, 2005. Claims 1-30 are pending in the present application.

In the above-mentioned Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 1-30 are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. In particular, the Examiner stated that

> **Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:**
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> I.   Claims 1-8, 10, and 30, drawn to a method of maintaining a conversation between a server and a client using either a bidirectional or a non bidirectional communication protocol, classified in class 709, subclass 203.
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> II.   Claims 9, 11-18, drawn to a method of maintaining a conversation between a server and a client using as a communication protocol either a supported one of a plurality of bidirectional communication protocols or an available one of a plurality of non bidirectional communication protocols, depending on whether a need exists to communication via at least one intermediary server that does not support any of the plurality of bidirectional communication protocols, classified in class 709, subclass 227.
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> III.   Claims 19-20, drawn to a method of emulating a bidirectional communications connection between a server and a client, classified in class 703, subclass 26.
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> IV.   Claims 21-25, drawn to a method of automatically adapting to the presence of an intermediary server between a server and a client, classified in class 379, subclass 201.09.
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> V.   Claims 26-27, drawn to a method of processing requests at a server, the server in communication with at least one client, classified in class 379, subclass 202.01.
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> VI.   Claims 28, drawn to a server to communication with a client, classified in class 279, subclass 221.01.
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> VII.   Claim 29, drawn to a system that automatically adapts communications between a server and a client to the presence or absence of an intermediary server between the server and the client and isolates a higher-level application program from

the details of the communications classified in class 709, subclass 217.

The Examiner stated "Applicant is required under 35 USC §121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claim shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Upon the allowance of a generic claims, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claims as provided by 37 CFR §1.141.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group 1, claims 1-8, 10, and 30.

Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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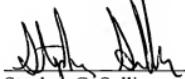
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